

Name of State	No. of Units	Amount outstanding as on 30.9.1991
Karnataka	1	17
Rajasthan	8	13
Uttar Pradesh	22	15
Delhi	11	19
West Bengal	23	824
Tamil Nadu	47	6

[Translation]

Export of Human skeletons and Hair

6046. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any case of illegal export of human skeletons and hair have been detected by the Government during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the details of the policy laid down in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Export of human hair is allowed freely. No instance of illegal export of human skeletons has come to the notice of the Government.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

(d) There has been a total ban on export of human skeletons and parts thereof w.e.f.

19th August, 1985 and even the Pre-ban export commitments are not allowed to be honoured under any circumstances.

Export of human hair is allowed on decontrolled basis.

Pension to Ex-servicemen

6047. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ex-servicemen of various categories to be benefited from the recently announced scheme regarding pensions to ex-servicemen; and

(b) the extra annual expenditure to be borne by the Government as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b). The Scheme will benefit over 6 lakhs ex-Servicemen who retired before 1.1.86. About 7500 Sepoys who had retired on or after 1.1.86 with qualifying service of 15 to 17 years will also be benefited. The additional annual expenditure on this Scheme is estimated at Rs. 120

crores, at current rates of Dearness Relief.

Transhipment Terminal at Vallarpadam

6048. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have given approval to the project of Transhipment Terminal at Vallarpadam; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). The Government have decided to have the said Container Transhipment Terminal set-up through private capital investment. Accordingly, advertisements have been released in the news-papers inviting parties in Indian or abroad to indicate their interests in setting-up of the terminal either on an exclusive basis with all costs being met by them or as a joint venture with the Cochin Port Trust.

Exchange Rates in Banks

6049. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that different banks quote different exchange rate for dollar and the exporters getting credit from bank have to do all their transactions including the foreign exchange transactions through the same bank.

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to allow the exporters to have foreign exchange transactions through any bank and instruct the bank to remit the amount to the bank which has advanced the loan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Under the Liberalised Exchange Rate Management System (LESRMS) banks are free to quote different rates for dollar based on on-going market rates. It is not necessary for an exporter to have all the transactions including the foreign exchange transactions through the same bank. However, it is desirable that the exporter should do the foreign exchange transactions with the same bank which has granted credit so as to avoid the problem of certification of documents relating to export realisation.

(c) and (d). Does not arise.

Grievance Procedure Machinery in Banks

6050. SHRI ANBARASU ERA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any Grievance Procedure Machinery for the employees in the nationalised banks including State Bank of India as per Government guidelines;

(b) if so, the details thereof, bankwise; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by the Government to ensure that all the nationalised banks have such a machinery as per the prescribed guidelines?

THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). A two-fold institutional framework for resolving grievances/disputes between the workers and the management is in the banking industry in the existence and is as follows: